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1. Type: Infantry Bereitschaft.
2. Quarters: Cantonment north of Dessau (M 52/E 17), on the road to Grosskuehnau (M 52/E 07).
3. Strength: About 80 officers and 1,100 police.
4. Organization: One Sonderkommando and four Kommandos. The 4th Kommando was moved from Brandenburg (N 53/Z 23) to the Dessau Bereitschaft.
5. Personnel:

Polizeirat Kuehne, CO of Bereitschaft, former German Army officer.

Oberpolizeirat Gelling, PK-Leiter.

Polizeirat Goshkow, Soviet instructor.

Kommissar Eins, Einsatzleiter (operations officer).
6. Armament:

Five hundred to six hundred carbines, model 98 K.

Two hundred light machine guns, model 08/34.

Pistols, model 08.

Submachine guns.

One 80-mm mortar.

Twenty heavy machine guns, model 08/15.

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7. Motor vehicles: Three or four trucks.
Three or four passenger cars.
Three motorcycles.
8. Training: Infantry training; (the Sonder-kommando received theoretical engineer training). Construction of obstacles and wire entanglements and laying of mines.
9. Miscellaneous: About 350 police are members of the SED (Socialist Unity Party); about 90 percent (99 percent of the Sonder-kommando) belong to the FDJ (Free German Youth).

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